**Application No.:** 10/815,067

Office Action Dated: April 30, 2008

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

## **Listing of Claims:**

1-28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A grid canvas, comprising

a canvas;

a gridline on the canvas, wherein the gridline is one of a plurality of components on the canvas;

an <u>user-interface</u> element at <u>least in part in a that spans multiple</u> cells on the canvas, wherein the <u>user-interface</u> element is one of the plurality of components on the canvas; and

a property of the gridline, wherein the property is a relationship of the gridline to the <u>user-interface</u> element on the canvas, and the relationship is maintained between the gridline and the <u>user-interface</u> element.

30. (Previously presented) The grid canvas according to claim 29, wherein the gridline is defined by at least one of:

a row;

a column; or

at least one row and at least one column.

- 31. (Previously presented) The grid canvas according to claim 30, wherein the row or the column are, respectively, a virtual row or virtual column.
- 32. (Previously presented) The grid canvas according to claim 29, further comprising a gridline bounding box that includes the element.
- 33. (Currently Amended) The grid canvas according to claim 32, wherein the gridline bounding box comprises a plurality of rows and columns that contain the <u>user-interface</u> element.

**Application No.:** 10/815,067

Office Action Dated: April 30, 2008

34. (Currently Amended) The grid canvas according to claim 32, further comprising margin

settings within the gridline bounding box for providing desired offsets to the <u>user-interface</u>

element.

35. (Previously presented) The grid canvas according to claim 29, wherein a gridline defines

a border of the canvas.

36. (Currently Amended) The grid canvas according to claim 29, wherein the relationship of

the gridline to the <u>user-interface</u> element on the canvas is defined as an explicit value.

37. (Currently Amended) The grid canvas according to claim 29, wherein the relationship of

the gridline to the <u>user-interface</u> element on the canvas is defined as an auto value.

38. (Currently Amended) A method for creating a grid canvas, comprising:

identifying a canvas;

identifying defining a virtual gridline on the canvas, wherein the virtual gridline is one

of a plurality of components on the canvas;

identifying an a user-interface element at least in part in a that spans multiple cells on

the canvas, wherein the <u>user-interface</u> element is one of the plurality of components on the

canvas and may be placed on the canvas at least one of:

before the virtual gridline is defined, or

after the virtual gridline is defined;

identifying a relationship of the <u>virtual</u> gridline to the <u>user-interface</u> element on the

canvas;

changing a property of at least one of: the canvas, or the at least one of the plurality of

components on the canvas; and

maintaining the relationship of the <u>virtual</u> gridline to the <u>user-interface</u> element on the

canvas, wherein the relationship is bi-directional, and:

resizing the user-interface element will move the gridline, and

moving the gridline will resize the user-interface element.

Page 4 of 10

**Application No.:** 10/815,067

Office Action Dated: April 30, 2008

39. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 38, wherein the step of identifying a relationship of the <u>virtual</u> gridline to the <u>user-interface</u> element on the canvas is repeated for

a plurality of <u>virtual</u> gridlines and a plurality of <u>user-interface</u> elements.

40. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 38, further comprising adding a

virtual gridline dynamically to the canvas.

41. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 38, further comprising:

overlaying a grid on the canvas, wherein the grid comprises a plurality of virtual

gridlines;

identifying a relationship of at least one of the plurality of <u>virtual</u> gridlines to at least

one of the plurality of components on the canvas.

42. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 38, further comprising adding a

component on the grid.

43. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 38, further comprising:

placing the virtual gridline on the canvas according to a predetermined relationship of

the virtual gridline to at least one of the plurality of components on the canvas.

44. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 38, further comprising

placing the virtual gridline on the canvas;

identifying a relationship of the <u>virtual</u> gridline to at least one of the plurality of

components on the canvas according to the placement of the virtual gridline on the canvas;

45. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 38, further comprising

adding a component to the canvas;

maintaining the relationship of the <u>virtual</u> gridline to the element on the canvas.

**Application No.:** 10/815,067

Office Action Dated: April 30, 2008

46. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 38, wherein the <u>virtual</u> gridline is defined by a plurality of rows and columns that define a plurality of virtual cells, and at least

one of the plurality of components spans a plurality of the virtual cells.

47. (Previously presented) The method of claim 46, further comprising adding a component

to the canvas, wherein the added component inhabits at least one of the same cells of the

plurality of virtual cells inhabited by the at least one of the plurality of components.

48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, further comprising determining a virtual

gridline bounding box for the element.